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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following disclosures, which are listed on Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**). Copies of the disclosures listed below as items 1-46 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-46**, respectively:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,928,868 (Liu et al.) issued July 27, 1999 (**Exhibit 1**);
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,736,343 (Landry) issued April 7, 1998 (**Exhibit 2**);
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,468,614 (Fields et al.) issued November 21, 1995 (**Exhibit 3**);
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,314,817 (Schultz, P.) issued May 24, 1994 (**Exhibit 4**);
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,194,594 (Kwawli et al.) issued March 16, 1993 (**Exhibit 5**);

6. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 01/53355 (Cornish et al.) published July 26, 2001 (**Exhibit 6**);
7. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 99/10510 (Natesan et al.) published March 4, 1999 (**Exhibit 7**);
8. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 99/10508 (Natesan et al.) published March 4, 1999 (**Exhibit 8**);
9. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 98/13353 (Whitney et al.) published April 2, 1998 (**Exhibit 9**);
10. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 97/31113 (Rickles et al.) published August 28, 1997 (**Exhibit 10**);
11. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 96/30540 (Tsien et al.) published October 3, 1999 (**Exhibit 11**);
12. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 742 015 (Kadow et al.), published November 13, 1996 (**Exhibit 12**);
13. Austin DJ, et al. Proximity versus allostery: the role of regulated protein dimerization in biology. 1994. Chem Biol. 1(3): 131-6 (**Exhibit 13**);
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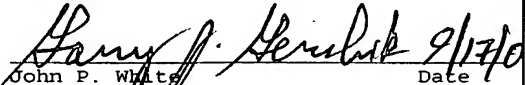
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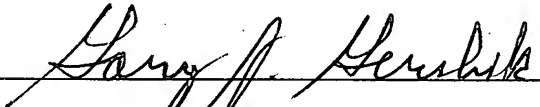
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